

**REMARKS**

An election has been required from one of the following invention groups:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a method for analyzing trade data for financial products
- II. Claims 17-18, drawn to a method for analyzing trade data for financial products
- III. Claim 19-20, drawn to a method for organizing trade data

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-16.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement according to Group II.

For the reasons set out below, the inventions of Group I and Group II overlap in scope within the meaning of MPEP 806.05(d). Therefore, Applicant respectfully contends that Groups I and II are not independent and distinct.

Group I, as the restriction requirement notes, relates to analyzing trade data for financial products comprising: selecting a financial product and selecting a time span. Group II, as the restriction requirement notes, relates to analyzing trade data for financial products comprising: selecting a financial product, selecting a time span and selecting a volume event trigger, overlapping Group I. Moreover, the claims of Group I and Group II are directed toward similar subject matter, as shown by the use the same preamble in independent claims 1, 16 and 17. Both groups disclose a method for analyzing trade data for financial products.

Applicant also respectfully disagrees with the separate classifications of Groups I and II. As noted by the restriction requirement, Group I appears to be broader than Group II. Therefore, the placement of Group I in a narrower subclass than Group II would appear to be improper. Applicant respectfully contends that Groups I and II belong in the same class and subclass.

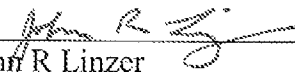
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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement according to Groups I and II and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement for those groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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